

# Briefing with BOZ

## User Guide

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Briefing with BOZ is designed to be a useful resource to members of the Emergency Services. The site is formatted to allow simple access to an array of helpful information.

The site is populated with a few simple files. The files are provided to assist in Training and Operational needs. For example, open the Operational Guidelines files and you will find OG's that are relevant to today's Emergency Services and are there for you to download and customize based on your needs. The OG's have been thoughtfully provided by fire service members for the benefit of all. New relevant Operational Guidelines will be added, so be sure to stay tuned to the site to address your Departments OG needs.

### **Training Resources file**

This file will link you to informative sites addressing Training and Operational issues. I have had great success during my career using these sites. I have described a successful challenge delivery format for you to follow. It's simple and effective. My crews enthusiastically participated in the learning session. There were times when I had to put a stop time to the exercise so as to not run too long. The format is effective for small or large group participation.

### **NIOSH**

Go to the NIOSH link and view their fire incident reports. The reports are an excellent tool for a Training Officer to use to stimulate fire ground Strategic & Tactical discussions. "We're not looking to find fault or place blame on the fire departments or the individual firefighters in the incidents."

The focus should be to learn from these incidents not to be judgemental.

Print off the incident details

Divide your members into groups

Have each group review the incident details

Have each group identify;

- What went wrong?

- How could this situation have been avoided?

- How would your specific department manage an incident such as this?

- List recommendations.

- Make a final conclusion.

This should be followed with a group general discussion. A comparison of responses will benefit the overall learning experience.

Handout the recommendations made by the NIOS group. Have a general discussion of the NIOS recommendations and refer back to the group recommendations. The members will find this very interesting.

You don't have to be an expert in Strategies & Tactics, the benefit will come from the group addressing a real life incident amongst their peers.

### **Firefighter Close Calls**

This site will link you to firefighter fatalities and near misses. The information from this site should be used in the same format as the NIOSH reports. "We're not looking to find fault or place blame on the fire departments or the individual firefighters in the incidents."

Set your members up in groups. Challenge your groups to identify "What Happened & How to Make it Better Next Time".

Again, you don't have to be a Strategies & Tactics expert; the benefit comes from the group interaction addressing a real life incident amongst their peers.

### **Fire Engineering – Training**

Fire Engineering Training is a wonderful resource for Lesson plans – Training Ideas – and support materials such as Power Point and Video.

Identify a monthly training topic and visit the Fire Engineering site for your training support material. It's all there, it's easy, all you have to do is "Use It".